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 Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—66) Page S1229
 Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1261.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jeffery S. Hall, of Kentucky, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, both to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND THE FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary, and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

FEDERAL RESERVE ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Reserve accountability and reform, including S. 530, to require the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, after receiving testimony from John B. Taylor, Hoover Institution, and Peter Conti-Brown, Stanford Law School Rock Center for Corporate Governance, both of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California; Paul H. Kupiec, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Allan H. Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University Tepper School of Business, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Commerce and the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Anthony R. Foxx, Secretary of Transportation; and Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security: Senators Ayotte (Chair), Wicker, Blunt, Rubio, Cruz, Fischer, Moran, Sullivan, Johnson, Heller, Gardner, Cantwell, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Schatz, Markey, Booker, Udall, Manchin, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet: Senators Wicker (Chair), Blunt, Rubio, Ayotte, Cruz, Fischer, Moran, Sullivan, Johnson, Heller, Gardner, Daines, Schatz, Cantwell, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Markey, Booker, Udall, Manchin, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security: Senators Moran (Chair), Blunt, Cruz, Fischer, Heller, Gardner, Daines, Blumenthal, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Markey, Booker, and Udall.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard: Senators Rubio (Chair), Wicker, Ayotte, Cruz, Sullivan, Johnson, Booker, Cantwell, Blumenthal, Markey, Schatz, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness: Senators Cruz (Chair), Rubio, Moran, Sullivan, Gardner, Daines, Peters, Markey, Booker, Schatz, and Udall.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security: Senators Fischer (Chair), Wicker, Blunt, Ayotte, Moran, Sullivan, Johnson, Heller, Daines, Booker, Cantwell, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Schatz, Markey, and Udall.

Senators Thune and Nelson are ex officio members of all subcommittees.

FAIRNESS IN TAXATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fairness in taxation, after receiving testimony from Lawrence Lindsey, The Lindsey Group, Fairfax, Virginia; Deroy Murdock, Atlas Network, and Steven Rattner, Willett Advisors LLC, both of New York, New York; and Heather Boushey, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Washington, D.C.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an update on the campaign

against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) from Michael P. Dempsey, Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Intelligence Integration, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Brett McGurk, Deputy Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, Department of State.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest concluded an oversight hearing to examine United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, focusing on ensuring agency priorities comply with the law, after receiving testimony from Joseph Moore, Senior Financial Official, Donald Neufeld, Associate Director, Service Center Operations, and Daniel Renaud, Associate Director, Field Operations, all of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 1208–1230; 1 private bill, H.R. 1231; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 21–22; and H. Res. 137, 139–41, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 138, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1029) to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1030) to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (H. Rept. 114–37).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Newhouse to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel. The House reconvened at 12:32 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record.

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Joint Meeting To Receive His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel:

The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives McCarthy, Scalise, McMorris Rodgers, Walden, Messer, Jenkins (KS), Foxx, Royce, Ros-Lehtinen, Granger, Zeldin, Dold, Hoyer, Crowley, Israel, Engel, Lowey, Nadler, Hastings (FL), Deutch, Sherman, Hahn, and Polis; and Senators McConnell, Cornyn, Thune, Barrasso, Wicker, Corker, Durbin, Schumer, Menendez, and Cardin.

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Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015: The House agreed to H. Res. 134, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 749, to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, by a voice vote, after the previous question was ordered.

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